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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(c)  
WITH STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e) (1)**

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Submitted herewith are the following:

- (1) Copy of a Japanese Office Action dated May 18, 2010 (and English translation thereof) issued in counterpart Japanese Application No. 2004-018497;
- (2) Copy of a Japanese Office Action dated May 25, 2010 (and English translation thereof) issued in counterpart Japanese Application No. 2006-007773;
- (2) Copies of cited foreign documents; and
- (3) IDS Form.

English translations of said Japanese Office Actions are provided, thereby satisfying the requirements for a concise explanation of relevance for the non-English language documents cited therein (MPEP 609.04 (a) III).

USP 5,674,215 is a U.S. patent family member of JP 8-503392, which was cited in said Japanese Office Action dated May 18, 2010.

USP 6,287,286 and USP 6,429,351 are U.S. patent family members of JP 2002-523140 and JP 2000-514672 respectively, which were cited in said Japanese Office Action dated May 25, 2010.

JP 2003-506150 and JP 2002-119536, identified as "cited documents 1 and 2" respectively in said Japanese Office Action dated May 18, 2010, were previously cited in the present application in the IDS filed July 20, 2006. JP 2002-119536 was also cited in said Japanese Office Action dated May 25, 2010.

JP 10-137284 and JP 2000-300606, identified as "cited documents 3 and 4" respectively, in said Japanese Office Action dated May 18, 2010 were previously cited in the present application in the IDS filed April 14, 2010.

JP 5-192367, which was cited in both said Japanese Office Actions dated May 18, 2010 and May 25, 2010, was previously cited in the present application in the IDS filed February 16, 2007.

JP 7-021020, JP 7-000446 and JP 2003-093438, which were cited in said Japanese Office Action dated May 25, 2010, were previously cited in the present application in the IDS dated July 20, 2006.

**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1)**

Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from foreign patent offices in counterpart foreign applications not more than three months prior to the filing of the present Information Disclosure Statement. Said Communications bear mailing dates of May 18, 2010 and May 25, 2010 respectively. Therefore, the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement is timely under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97(c).

**NOT A RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

This submission is not a response to the outstanding Office Action dated June 23, 2010. A response to said outstanding Office Action will be timely filed in due course.

It is requested that an initialed copy of the IDS Form be returned to indicate that the documents listed therein have been considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DH', is written over the typed name.

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